

Saint George Parish
CONFIRMATION ATTENDANCE POLICY

2018-19

Dear Confirmation Candidate and Parent(s) / Guardian,

Welcome to this new opportunity to continue growing as a follower of Jesus! We hope that you will prayerfully choose to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

We know that teenagers lead busy lives and are involved in many exciting activities. So we encourage you to take some time to intentionally consider and carefully decide if this is the year when you are able to fully prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation given your priorities and previous commitments.

Our Confirmation sessions are primarily held on Sunday mornings which helps to connect them to our essential Catholic prayer; the Mass. Our program begins with an introduction to community service over the summer; each candidate will prepare reflections on their community service and present them to the class and to the parish. Our program primarily consists of eight Sunday morning sessions scheduled throughout the school year. Each Sunday morning session begins at the 9:00 AM Mass followed by a presentation/session until 11:30 AM. A day long retreat, an evening penance service and a Confirmation rehearsal are also included in the preparation.

Every session is important. Each session is experiential and leads up to receiving the Sacrament. The following attendance policy has been established for our Confirmation program.

Our expectation is that a Confirmation candidate will attend all scheduled sessions. However, each Confirmation candidate must meet the following minimum attendance requirements to complete the preparation:

- Attend an Introduction to Community Service, complete and present a reflection to the class and to the parish (being present in the church hall after Mass) and as outlined by the Parish Outreach Coordinator
- Attend the scheduled retreat
(or arrange for an alternative retreat experience; in consultation with Confirmation Coordinators)
- Attend at least six out of eight Sunday morning sessions
(any work missed due to absence must be made up as noted below)
- Attend the Penance Service
- Attend the Confirmation Rehearsal

If a Sunday morning session is missed, a "Faith Reflection" assignment will be given. This must be completed satisfactorily and returned to the Confirmation Coordinators before the next session.

We will contact you if the minimum requirements described above are not being met. This will indicate that this year is not the best time for you to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We certainly will welcome you back in the future when your schedule allows and you are able to commit to the attendance necessary for full preparation.

If a Confirmation candidate will be absent, please notify the Confirmation Coordinators as soon as possible, by leaving a message at 508-735-4633 or by emailing us at confirmation@saintgeorgesparish.org

Please contact us if there are any extenuating circumstances. We want to assist and support you throughout this journey towards full initiation in the Catholic faith.

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